

Weil Loses Voice; Scene Cut Out of Meistersinger

Hans Sachs's Soliloquy,
Beckmesser's Panto-
mime and the Famous
Quintet Missed by Last
Night's Opera-Goers.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING.

"DIE MEISTERSINGER" was sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last night without the first scene of the last act. The interior of the workshop of Hans Sachs, the famous cobbler-musician, was not shown. There was no soliloquy by him over the madness of the world, there was no rehearsing of the prize song by Walter, there was no pantomime description by Beckmesser of the previous night's hearing, there was no love making between the Knight and Eva, there was no quintet, the beauty of which is acknowledged the world over. The reason? Hermann Weil, who was Hans Sachs, suddenly lost his voice!

There had been a pause more than usually long after the second act, when the curtain parted to admit Mr. Guard, the representative of the management, to the front of the stage. The babel of conversation was pushed instantly. Mr. Guard announced, briefly and clearly, what had befallen Mr. Weil. The affliction was serious only temporarily, he said, but it made necessary a change of action. He made an apology, expressed his regret, and Mr. Gatti-Casazza and begged indulgence for omitting the first scene of the last act and proceeding at once to the scene of the song contest on the open meadow on the Fugate. One good thing arose out of the unfortunate incident. Many of the subscribers for the first time saw the stirring scene of the festival of the Guilds and heard the splendid choral with which Wagner has glorified it. They usually go home before the time for that arrives.

Behind the scenes, of course, the condolences with Mr. Weil were mixed with lamentations for the interrupted action. Mr. Gatti-Casazza retained his self-possession. It was a regrettable incident, he said, that could not be helped. He had done the best he could under the circumstances. Why not have put Putnam Griswold on in Mr. Weil's place? he was asked. Before Mr. Gatti could answer, Mr. Griswold interrupted with the remark that, while he knew the part thoroughly, he had never sung Hans Sachs on the stage and, as he was impersonating Pogner, it was not to be expected of him. William Hinchman, another American, who was Kothner in the cast and who has sung Hans Sachs abroad, would have jumped into the breach, it was alleged, if he had been asked. Then a cosmopolitan suggested that Leon Rothier could have sung the part in French. That brought forth only a laugh. Alfred Herx, the conductor, looked unutterable things, but said nothing.

The cast of "Die Meistersinger" was a strong one and mostly familiar, including Johanna Gadski, in her charming impersonation of Eva; Gieska, as Walter; Kates, as David; Gersik, as Beckmesser; and Pini-Cora, as the Night Watchman. For the first time at the Metropolitan Marie Mattfeld was Madeline, which she sang and acted well. The chorus distinguished itself, as it always does in this opera.

TWO PIANISTS IN RECITALS AT AEOLIAN HALL YESTERDAY. Pianists held Aeolian Hall yesterday. In the afternoon Miss Lesnaka, a young woman with a shock of hair that would drop a stray lock over her eyes

and then gave a recital. She was reputed to be a Russian, but the wise ones were whispering that she was really English. It doesn't matter. Miss Lesnaka disclosed herself as a player of distinction, with temperament, as was intimated in this column when she first appeared here at Mrs. Bramhall's most recent Tuesday salon, and when there was neither time nor space to discuss her talents. It was a fascinating recital that she gave to Bramhall's son-in-law, opus 5. There was understanding in her conception and poetry in her interpretation, as well as technical efficiency in her playing of this work. Beethoven's rondo a capriccio, opus 13, "The Wrath Over the Lost Parting," was her first number. Besides she played a Chopin group and Liszt's "Mazepa."

In the evening Samuel Mensch, a Brooklyn young man, who has been studying abroad with Dohnanyi, gave a recital. He began with Bach's chromatic fantasy and fugue and presented examples of Schumann, Chopin, Saint-Saens, Brahms, Dohnanyi and Liszt. He played, seemingly, with confidence, but one or two slips that he made may have been due to nervousness. It may not be said after a first hearing, that he showed any uncommon gift of interpretation.

WHAT MR. HAMMERSTEIN MIGHT HAVE DONE IN LONDON. A paragraph in the January issue of the London Monthly Musical Record, in a review of the opera season of 1916 in the English capital, is not without significance for those of us in New York who believe that operas should be sung here in English. It is this: Mr. Hammerstein found that with lower prices and opera in English his audience grew bigger. Had he persevered on these lines, he might have achieved success.

DIES ON EVE OF WEDDING.

Operation on New Yorker's Pileuses
Falls to Save Her Life.
PALMYRA, N. J., Jan. 31.—Miss Flor-

ance Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Powell, who was to be married late this month to Raymond Anderson Smith of New York, died last night.

The young woman was stricken several weeks ago and underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital in an effort to save her life. Saturday it was found she could not recover and she was brought home to die.

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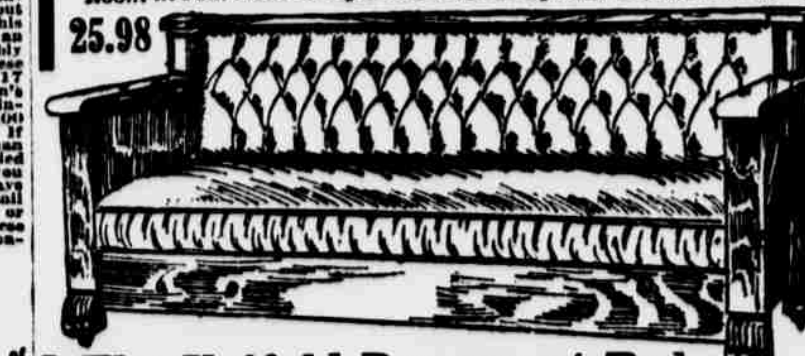
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